

WASHINGTON BUILDING FUND	
Received	\$101 64
To treasurer of N. M. B.	101 64
ORPHAN'S ENDOWMENT FUND	
Reported	\$125 37
SUPERANNUATED MINISTER'S FUND	
Reported	\$ 1 86
Amount received	49 93
	\$51 79
Withdrawn for Holsinger fund	36 35
To balance	\$15 44
HOLSINGER FUND	
Amount received	\$83 65
From S. M. Fund	36 35
	\$120 00
To Brother Holsinger	\$120 00
SWIHART FUND	
Amount received	\$10 51
To Brother Swihart	10 51
Total in treasury at the commencement of year	\$334 80
Total amount received	718 44
	\$1053 24
Whole amount expended	764 32
To balance	\$288 92

ALICE E. AUGUSTINE.

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Minutes of the Business Session of the S. S. C. E. at Winona Assembled August 31, 1900

The sisters of the S. S. C. E. met in their regular annual business session at Winona, August 31, 1900.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the president, Vianna Detwiler, assisted by Ida Simmonds.

A committee on credentials was then appointed. All delegates present presented their credentials and were duly accepted and enrolled.

The president's report was next given and accepted.

The secretary's report was called for given and accepted. This report was found to be very encouraging as it showed that under Miss Detwiler's careful supervision the S. S. C. E. is steadily growing. Sixty two societies had reported to the secretary.

These societies have a total membership of three thousand three hundred and forty-eight.

They have held one thousand one hundred and sixty-eight meetings during the year.

Their receipts for the last year have been three thousand three hundred eight dollars and thirty-three cents. The amount sent from the local societies during the past year to our various mission points for the support of our superannuated ministers' fund, and for The Theological Chair at Ashland, Ohio, has been eight hundred fifty dollars and two cents.

The treasurer's report was next given. This was also found to be very gratifying as there were no 'abouts', but a clear business like statement of the exact financial condition of the S. S. C. E.

The committee which has been appointed one year previous to revive the constitution of the S. S. C. E. was then called upon to report. They submitted the constitution as

revived for consideration. After some discussion and frequent rereading a few amendments were made. The constitution was then unanimously adopted.

The S. S. C. E. was asked to continue a loan of two hundred and five dollars to the Publishing House without interest. They decided to grant the request for one year only.

A motion was then made that the delegates should pay their fee at once, as provided for in the revised constitution. The motion was carried and the delegates who were prepared paid their fee amounting to seven dollars and seventy cents. This money to be used to help pay expenses for printing that had been done during the year.

It was then decided to appoint a committee to solicit separate fund to assist Brother Holsinger and Brother Nickolson, two most revered ministers in the declining years of their life. This was done.

Two quilts and a sofa pillow had been sent to the S. S. C. E. by some earnest workers for Christ, to be turned into money for his cause. Bids for these were written on slips of paper and quietly handed to the president and the articles to the highest bidder.

The selection of officers for the coming year was next in order. The following officers were chosen: president, Vianna Ditwiler; vice president, Mrs. Gillin; secretary, Bessie Warvel Perry; treasurer, Alice Augustine.

After again looking to the Lord in thanksgiving for all his benefits and craving his guidance in the future, the session adjourned.

BESSIE WARVEL PERRY, Sec.

Our Young People

A DECISION FOR CHRIST—Luke 14:25-33

Topic for Nov. 11

The lessons of the Sunday-school have been splendid revival lessons for some time and the young peoples' topics have followed in their wake. In the lesson before us this week we have a most important teaching as to what it means to make the great decision which makes one "dead to sin and alive unto God."

The decision to join church is often hastily made upon the persuasion or example of others without counting the cost of the life involved in such a step.

Such are as the seed sown in shallow ground which sprang up readily but perished readily also. The Christian life is blessed beyond expression but it means the renunciation of all selfishness forever. The cost may seem great but the reward is infinitely greater.

"The cross that he gave may be heavy
But it ne'er out-weighs his grace.
The storms that I feared may o'ertake me
But they ne'er exclude his face."

"The cross is not greater than his grace.
The storms cannot hide his blessed face.
I am satisfied to know
That with Jesus here below
I can conquer every foe."

SCRIPTURE LIGHT

Counting the Cost.—Let us put the losses and gains of the Christian life in the balance and see if it pays to seek the kingdom.

LOSS

- 1 Give up self, Col. 3:3.
- 2 "evil pleasures, Col. 3:59.

- 3 "worldliness, I John 2:15-17.
- 4 "pride, I Pet. 3:3.
- 5 "ambition, Luke 9:48.
- 6 "the 'weights,' Heb. 12:1.
- 7 "all appearance of evil," I Thess. 5:22.

What other things must be put on this side of the balance. Name all you can, citing scriptures as above?

What is a "weight" in the Christian life? Heb. 12:1.

Why do some find it hard and some easy to give up these things?

Is it absolutely necessary that they be given up? I Cor. 6:9, 10.

GAIN

"Count your blessings; name them one by one. Count your many blessings; see what God has done. Count your blessings. Count your blessings; Name them one by one. Count your many blessings one by one."

- 1 Gain life, John 3:36; Gal. 2:20.
- 2 Fellowship most blessed, I John 1:1-3.
- 3 Joy, John 15:11.
- 4 Peace, John 14:27.
- 5 A crown, II Tim. 4:8.
- 6 Treasure in heaven, Matt. 19:21.
- 7 An hundred fold in this life, Mk. 10:30.
- 8 Persecutions, II Tim. 3:12.

Name all the other things gained that you can.

What have you gained by being a Christian?

What are some things in the cost that are often forgotten?

What does it mean to "forsake father and mother," etc., Luke 14:26.

What does it mean to "bear the cross daily," Luke 14:27.

How do we receive "an hundred fold in this life," Mk. 10:30.

Does it pay to be a Christian? Why?

Close with a rousing testimony meeting and an invitation to all to make the decision for Christ.

C. F. YODER.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I have not the time to conclude my "Word to the Look-out Committee," but instead I want to write to you concerning the missionary work of the society. From the very beginning the movement among the young people has been characterized by a distinctively missionary spirit, and it is this same spirit that characterizes all its work today. The motto of the first society was "Our State for Christ." As the movement progressed the motto became "Our nation for Christ," but today it bears the significant motto "The world for Christ." This is evolution that can everywhere be accepted. And it is not too much to say that the success of the movement as well as its continued growth is due wholly to the possession of this spirit. If this is true then it behooves us to make every provision for the retention and development of this spirit in our societies. How this can be done is the question that I have proposed to myself time and again, and in part here is the solution.

My plan of work can be set forth under these three heads: organization, education, business forethought. By organization I mean that our society work should work to the end that a contribution for missionary work should be received from each member at least once every quarter. To accomplish this there should be a missionary committee in every society and one also in every State or district of the church. The purpose of